

Suitable lights range from inexpensive neon bulb types to powerful xenon strobe lights (Figure 6). Neon timing lights are difficult to see and must be used in dimly lit areas. Xenon strobe timing lights can be used outside in bright sunlight. Both types work on the ATC; use according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Portable Tachometer

A portable tachometer (Figure 7) is necessary for tuning. Ignition timing and carburetor adjustments must be performed at the specified idle speed. The best instrument for this purpose is one with a low range of 0-1,000 or 0-2,000 rpm range and a high range of 0-4,000 rpm. Extended range (0-6,000 or 0-8,000 rpm) instruments lack accuracy at lower speeds. The instrument should be capable of detecting changes of 25 rpm on the low range.

Compression Gauge

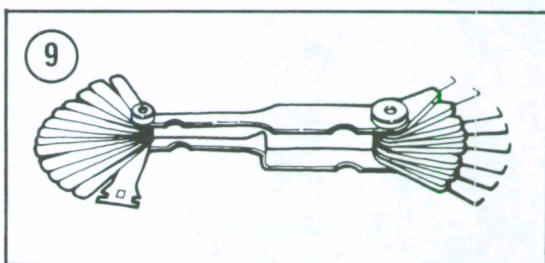
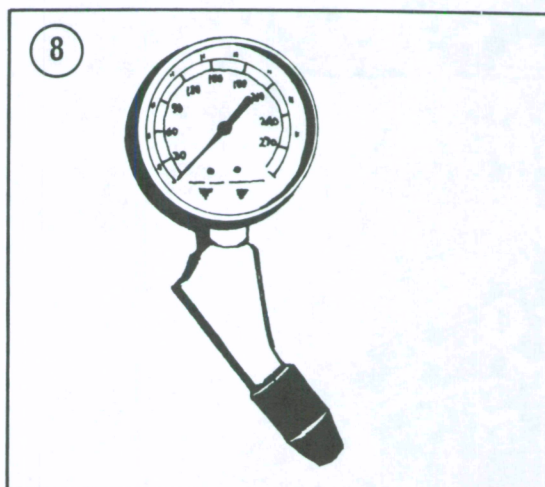
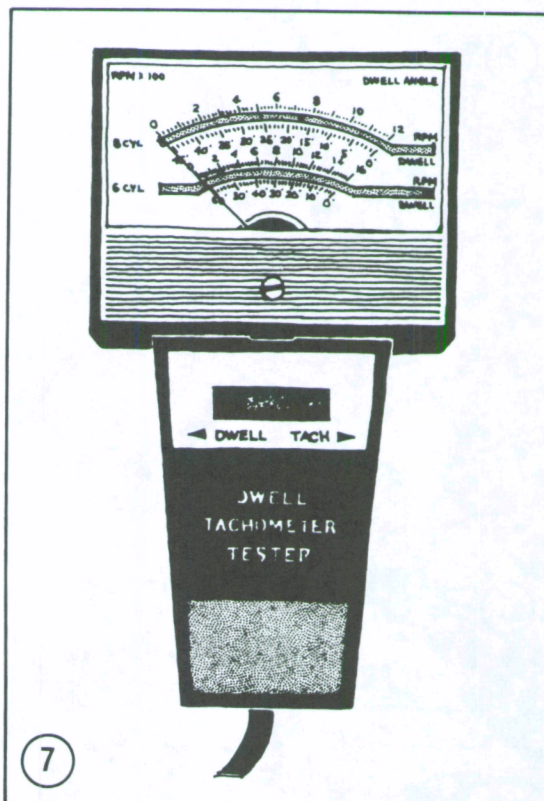
A compression gauge measures the engine compression. The one shown in Figure 8 is the type used for the Honda ATCs covered in this book.

Ignition Gauge

This tool has both flat and round wire measuring gauges (Figure 9) and is used to measure contact breaker point gap or ignition pulse generator air gap and to set the spark plug gap. A good one is available at most auto or motorcycle supply stores. Get one calibrated in millimeters.

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